

## **Podcast #147 A Restaurant Story**

### *Original Version*

A couple was having dinner in a fine restaurant. Their waitress was at another table. She noticed something strange. The man was sliding down his chair. He was slipping under the table.

The woman acted unconcerned. The waitress kept watching. The man slid all the way down his chair. He disappeared under the table.

The woman appeared calm and unruffled. She did not seem to notice that her dining companion had disappeared.

The waitress came over to the table. She said to the woman, "Pardon me, ma'am. I think your husband just slipped under the table."

The woman calmly looked up. She replied, "No he didn't. He just walked in the door."

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*Choose the correct word or term*

A couple was having (dinner – diner) in a fine restaurant. (There – Their) waitress was at another table. She noticed (some thing – something strange). The man was (sliding – slideing) down his chair. He was slipping (onto – under) the table.

The woman acted (unconcerned – nonconcerned). The waitress (kept to watch – kept watching). The man (slided – slid) all the way down his chair. He (disappear – disappeared) under the table.

The woman appeared (cahm – calm) and unruffled. She did not seem to notice that (her – his) dining companion had disappeared.

The (waitresse – waitress) came over to the table. She said to the woman, "Pardon (you – me), ma'am. I think your husband just (slipped – slip) under the table."

The woman calmly looked (over – up). She replied, "No he (did'nt – didn't). He just walked in the door."

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*Practice with incorrect or missing articles, indefinite pronouns, and verbs.*

In the following version of the story, circle or underline places where (a) a grammatically incorrect article is used, (b) an incorrect verb tense is used, or (c) any of the following is missing:

- a grammatically required article (*a, an, the*)
- a personal pronoun (for example, *he*)
- a possessive pronoun (for example, *his*)
- an indefinite pronoun such as *some* or *any*
- a form of the verb *to be* (for example, *was*)

The first sentence has been underlined to show where you would circle or underline a word or phrase.

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